of goods and higher prices charged as compared to those in the open market during 1996, so far; and

(c) the action taken' in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Fruit & Vegetable Project procures fruit & vegetable items by and large from growers associations/societies located in different states of India. However, in case of non availability of certain fruit & vegetable item or any logistic problem these are procured from wholesale market. The material thus procured is delivered by the growers at procurement centre in the area from where the material is transported to the Central Distribution Facility of project at Delhi.

Retail prices are fixed based on the grades and the prices prevalent in the various retail markets in Delhi.

(b) Fruit & Vegetable Project has received 178 complaints during the period January' 96 to 20th Nov., 1996 against quality and 39 complaints against high prices.

(c) All complaints were investigated by the Marketing staff of the Project. No complaint for higher price was found correct. Six Concessionaires were" removed on account of quality complaints which were mainly due to non-removal of left overs produced by the concessionaire from the display rack.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Completion and Cost of Konkan Railway Project

777. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the presentation of the last Railway Budget he had stated that the Konkan Railway Project will be completed by Ust October, 1996 but subsequently assured ie House that the project will be completed y 31st December, 1996;

(b) if so, the present status of the Project and by when it will be completed; and

(c) the initial cost estimate of the project and the anticipated cost on the completion of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been further set back to the project due to geological problems in tunnels in Goa area. The work is now expected to be completed by March, 1997.

(c) Initial cost of the project was Rs. 1073 crores and the anticipated cost as in March 1996 is Rs. 2230.42 crores.

Economic position of Railways

778. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways are running on profit;

(b) in which lines it is profitable and to which lines it is in loss;

(c) whether the fast running trains are profitable or in loss; and

(d) the amount of profit or loss for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Indian Railways as a whole have been generating surplus after meeting their total working expenses including appropriation to Depreciation Reserve Fund, Pension Fund and dividend liability.

(b) During the year 1994-95, 119 branch lines were found to be unremunerative incurring a loss of Rs. 165.73 crore.

(c) No statistics is maintained for fast running trains. On the basis of profitability analysis of passenger services carried out annually on Indian Railways the total losses are as under:—

(Rs in crore)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Mail Express			
Passenger	139.01	145.93	108.93
Ordinary			
passenger	1060.11	1105.45	1164.35